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SUBJ: DIET INTERPELLATIONS RE KOREA AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

TOKYO 12306, SEPT 1974

SUMMARY. MIYAZAWA TOLD DIET COMMITTEE APRIL 15 THAT ROK SECURITY IS ESSENTIAL TO JAPAN'S SECURITY. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN GOJ POLICY CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING SESSION OF UPPER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON APRIL 15, OPPOSITION CHARGED THAT DURING WASHINGTON VISIT MAIYAZAWA HAD REAFFIRMED QTE ROK CLAUSE UNQTE OF 1969 SATO NIXON COMMUNIQUE, THUS REVERSING LINE TAKEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA IN THE FALL OF 1974 (REFTEL). MIYAZAWA REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT ROK'S SECURITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR JAPAN'S SECURITY AND THAT HIS PREDECESSORS HAD TAKEN SAME STAND. HE SAID THAT HE AND KIMURA HAD SAID SAME THING IN DIFFERENT WORDS SINCE INSTABILITY IN SOUTH KOREA LEADS TO INSTABILITY IN ENTIRE KOREAN PENINSULA. HE CHARACTERIZED ROK CLAUSE IN A QTE NATURAL CONCEPTION UNQTE IN VIEW OF THE GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY OF JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA. MATTER AROSE AGAIN IN DIET ON APRIL 16 AND WE UNDERSTAND MIYAZAWA STATED THAT ROK CLAUSE IS FUNDAMENTALLY VALID ALTHOUGH ENVIRONMENT

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IN WHICH IT EXISTS CHANGES FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. OPPOSITION ALSO CHARGED ON APRIL 15 THAT AFFIRMATION OF US NUCLEAR DETERRENT WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR JAPAN TO PREVENT INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN. MIYAZAW REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN DETERRENT POWER AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THAT GOJ POLICY NOT TO INTRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD NOT BE CHANGED. HE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT U.S. SIDE HAD NOT ASKED FOR INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS PRICE FOR SECURITY COMMITMENT.

3. COMENT. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN TEXT OF MIYAZAWA'S REMARKS BUT FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION (TERADA) REPORTS THAT PRESS ACCOUNT SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE. TERADA SAID ISSUE AROSE AS A RESULT OF PRESS EXAGGERATION OF A MIYAZAWA RESPONSE TO A KOREAN REPORTER DURING WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE. FONOFF REPORTED THAT GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR MIYAZAWA'S USE OF APRIL 16 HAD CITED AS EXAMPLES OF CHANGING ENVIRONMENT EARLIER PERIOD WHEN TALKS WERE GOING ON BETWEEN TWO SIDES AND PRESENT PERIOD MARKED BY DISCOVERY OF NORTH KOREAN TUNNELS. MIYAZAWA DID NOT USE THESE ELABORATIONS. END CONFIDENTIAL. HODGSON

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